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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Udo Schütz**

FOR: **TAPPING VALVE OF PLASTICS MATERIAL FOR TRANSPORT AND STORAGE  
CONTAINERS FOR LIQUIDS**

**ENCLOSED ARE:**

- (X) Specification (10 pages), Claims (1 page/2 claims) & Abstract;
- (X) one (1) sheet of Drawing; (Figs. 1 and 2)
- (X) Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (X) Assignment to Benteler AG
- (X) Certified copy of German Pat. Appl. No. 202 12 421.5 filed August 13, 2002  
the priority of which is claimed under 35 USC 119;
- ( ) Small Entity Status is being claimed. (37 CFR 1.9 & 1.27);
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and 2 references;

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